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US Environmental Protection Agency Attn: Barbara Pastalove and/or Human Resources Region 2 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Verification of Presence/Employment

Name: Paul Giardina DOB: 06/07/1949 SSN: XXX-XX-3295

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent Paul Giardina, a former employee of **the US Environmental Protection Agency**, who during his active employment, went to work during or after the events of September 11th, 2001, in New York, in or around the "Exposure Zone". Paul Giardina has filed a claim with the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF") and they are requesting documentation to verify this employee's presence at or below Canal Street.

Enclosed you will find a Third-Party Verification Form that the VCF requests completion of to verify Paul Giardina's presence at the site. Should this not be the correct address to request this information, we kindly ask that you supply us with the correct information to continue with the request.

The Victim's Compensation Fund requires the most specific and accurate information possible. **If applicable**, please include any information about any locations below Canal Street that they were dispatched to for employment purposes.

We request that you send one copy of the completed verification form to us in our business reply or to our e-mail address and send the original to the VCF by mail or by e-mail at: VCF.Thirdpartyverification@usdoj.gov

Please note that due to the Pandemic, the VCF is currently accepting electronic signatures for employers and clients' convenience. If you would prefer to send confirmation through digital format, please send to: mnieves@nsprlaw.com with a CC to VCF.Thirdpartyverification@usdoj.gov



Your assistance in providing this information is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 212-397-1000 ext. 5217.

Sincerely,

Myri Nieves Zadroga Paralegal

Enclosures,

Third Party Verification Form - Instructions

In order to qualify for compensation from the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF"), an individual must prove that he or she was present at one of the 9/11 crash sites at some point during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002. The VCF needs to know where the individual was located, and the specific date(s) when he or she was there. For purposes of the VCF, the 9/11 crash sites include:

- The World Trade Center site, the Pentagon site, or the Shanksville, Pennsylvania, site.
- The buildings or portions of buildings that were destroyed as a result of the terrorist-related airplane crashes of September 11, 2001.
- The **New York City Exposure Zone**, which includes the area in Manhattan south of the line that runs along Canal Street from the Hudson River to the intersection of Canal Street and East Broadway, north on East Broadway to Clinton Street, and east on Clinton Street to the East River.
- Any area related to or along the routes of debris removal used during the cleanup activity, such as barges and the Fresh Kills landfill.

You have been asked to complete this form because an individual (or their authorized representative) filed a VCF claim and indicated that he or she was affiliated with your organization during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002, and you may have information that verifies the location and dates of the individual's work or volunteer activities. The VCF appreciates your assistance in providing the requested information. If you have any questions about this form, call the VCF toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 or visit the VCF website at www.vcf.gov.

Complete the form following the instructions below.

<u>Section 1: Information about the Employee/Volunteer</u>. The individual who asked you to complete this form should provide you with his or her full name and VCF claim number. The claim number is seven (7) digits and starts with "VCF."

<u>Section 2: Information about the Employer/Organization and the representative who is completing the form.</u>
Complete all of the fields in this section. The VCF may contact the representative if additional information is needed.

<u>Section 3: Information about the individual's location(s) and activity during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002</u>. Complete the table using the following guidelines:

- Specific Dates of Employment/Volunteer Work: Provide <u>specific</u> start and end dates when the individual worked or volunteered for your organization during the September 11, 2001, through May 30, 2002 timeframe.
- Specific Address(es) where the individual Worked or Volunteered: Provide the addresses where the
 individual worked or volunteered during the listed dates. Please provide <u>specific</u> street addresses. If you do
 not know the specific address, provide the cross streets or intersections.
- Brief Description of Work/Duties Performed. Provide a description of the individual's activities at the location(s) during the relevant dates.

Supporting Documents: If you rely on internal or employer/organization documents or business records to complete the table, please **include copies of those documents** with your response. **Write the individual's name and VCF claim number on each document** you submit in support of this form.

<u>Section 4: Certification</u>. Print your name in the space, read the certification, and sign and date the form. **If** submitting the form by email, you may sign electronically or sign and scan the form and attach it to the email. **If mailing the form, an original hand-written signature is required**.

Returning the Form. The employer or organization should return the form directly to the VCF. Forms sent directly to the VCF by an employer or organization provide the strongest evidence to support the claim.

• By email: The form must be sent from an official email account associated with the employer or organization so the VCF knows it came directly from your organization:

To: VCF.Thirdpartyverification@usdoj.gov

Subject: Third Party Verification Form

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• By mail: Send to: September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 34500, Washington, D.C. 20043



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Third Party Verification Form

This form should be used by an employer or volunteer organization to provide information to the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF") on behalf of an employee or volunteer who has filed a VCF claim.

Please carefully read and follow the instructions before completing this form.

The Employer/Organization should send this form directly to the VCF.

The claimant should <u>not</u> submit this form to the VCF on behalf of the Employer/Organization.

Section 1: Information abou	ut the Employee/Volunteer.	
Employee/Volunteer Full Name	e:	
7-digit VCF Claim Number:		
Section 2: Information about completing the form.	ut the Employer/Organization and	the representative who is
Employer/Organization Name:		
Employer/Organization Addres	SS:	
Contact Person's Name & Title	e:	
Contact Person's Email:		
Contact Person's Phone Number	per:	
be eligible for VCF co	on have a number of employees/volu ompensation? By checking this box, contact you to discuss how you can h	a member of our
2001, through May 30, 200 documents or business records	2. Complete the table below. If y	activity beginning on September 11 you rely on internal employer/organization those documents with your response. You needed.
Specific Dates Worked/Volunteered	Specific Address(es) where individual Worked/Volunteered	Brief Description of Work/Duties Performed
Section 4: Certification.		
I, 28 U.S.C. §1746(1) that the	, certify under foregoing is true and correct.	penalty of perjury pursuant to
Employer/Organization Contact's Signature Date		